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**IRAQ'S ROAD AHEAD:  
REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**



**WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**15:00 – 16:30**

*IAI Library room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
Via Angelo Brunetti, 9 – Rome*

**CHAIR**

***Nathalie Tocci***  
*Deputy Director IAI*

**SPEAKER**

***Murat Özçelik***  
*Ambassador (R)*

*Director of NIFA Investment and Consultancy Services  
Former: Undersecretary of Public Order and Security, Ambassador to Baghdad, Special Envoy  
of the Turkish Government for Iraq, Head of Cabinet to the late President Turgut Özal*

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*The working language will be English and no translation will be provided.*



## **MURAT ÖZÇELİK** **Ambassador**

Ambassador Özçelik served as a member of the Turkish Foreign Ministry for over 30 years. His foreign assignments included postings to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the Turkish Permanent Representation to the then-European Economic Community in Brussels and Washington D.C. Mr. Özçelik was Turkey's first Consul General to Shanghai, PRC, in 1997 and 1998. He was also stationed in Houston as Deputy Consul General between 2001 and 2005. Mr. Özçelik held several executive positions within the Foreign Ministry including as Head of Balkans Department, Deputy Spokesperson and as Turkey's Special Envoy to Iraq between 2007 and 2009. He was assigned as Turkey's Ambassador to Iraq in 2009. After completing his tour in Iraq, he was assigned to be the Undersecretary for Public Order and Security in November 2011. He retired from Foreign Service in 2013.

Having acted as the Vice-Chairman responsible for Overseas Business Development at the MNG Holding Co. between 1999 and 2001, Ambassador Özçelik also has private-sector experience.

Ambassador Özçelik graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the Middle East Technical University and he is married with two children.